



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The following is a preliminary amendment, which is being submitted concurrently with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination.

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated September 7, 2005, which provides for a response period ending December 7, 2005. A Petition for Extension of Time, to extend the response period for the Office Action for one additional month to January 7, 2006, is being filed concurrently.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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Preliminary Amendment dated December 19, 2005
Reply to Office Action of September 7, 2005

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: